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Fifteen years of service, more than 900 training hours, and 1,381 calls during 2014 . . . those were among the awards earned during the Burleson Fire Department's annual banquet Jan. 17.

Lt. Greg Mason took home the Fire Officer of the Year award for 2014. His engineer, Robert Schoonover, earned Firefighter of the Year, and Josh Stanton, a Burleson native, was honored as Rookie Firefighter of the Year (see related stories).

Three lieutenants were recognized for their 15 years of service as career firefighters for the City. They include Mason, Mike Jones and Jeremiah Lozier.

A fourth fire lieutenant, Duane Wines, was applauded for earning the most training hours, 914.5, in 2014.

The Burleson Fire Department has three fire stations – Station #1 on Alsbury Boulevard, Station #2 on Memorial Plaza, and Station #3 on Lakewood Drive. The crew on C shift at Station #1 was named the busiest shift with 1,381 out of the department's 3,912 calls in 2014. That's 35.3 percent of the total calls. That crew included Mason, Schoonover, and firefighters Rob Moore and David Franks.

Awards for years of service went to lieutenants Casey Davis, Claude Scally and Josh Jacobs and firefighters Dallas Fowler and Shelby Stone for 10 years; and to firefighters David Franks, Jeff Hart, Kevin Hunter, Rob Moore, Jon Wheat and Jules Knight for five years of service.

Burleson's firefighters are continuing to improve their knowledge. Earning Fire Instructor 1 certification were Lt. Steve Burchette, Firefighter Dallas Fowler, and Firefighter Shane Mobley. Firefighter Tommy Carlton now has his Firefighter Intermediate certification. Firefighters Don Hallmark and Jeff Hart secured their Fire Officer I certificates. Lt. Davis and Firefighter Jake Hopps are now certified as a Fire Officer II, Hallmark has his Firefighter Advanced certification, Hopps earned his advanced inspector certification, Lt. Jones is now a hazardous materials incident commander, and Firefighter Chuck Martinez is certified as a fire investigator.

Fire Inspector/Investigator David Butler from the Fire Marshal's office was recognized with a Special Achievement Award for coordinating the City's new state-of-the-art radio system. Butler shared the City's 2014 Employee of the Year honors with Lisa Kay Edwards from Utility Customer Service.